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"Whom Do You Serve?" Television Program  
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## UPCOMING SERMONS SUNDAY AM

Jan. 26 De-sensitization  
Feb. 2 Are Christians to be THAT different?  
Feb. 9 Until Jesus comes  
Feb. 16 Why do we give?

## SUNDAY PM

Jan. 26 I will reach the place to which I am headed (454)  
Feb. 2 I do not like what I read (455)  
Feb. 9 He said it; he will do it (456)  
Feb. 16 What is a denomination? (457)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

**Sunday**

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Nancy Pardon; Pete Darling; Rusty Darling; Phyllis Darling; Raymond Heinz; Teresa Heinz; Carolyn Jensen; Margaret Coats; Doug McArthur; Cheryll Akers; Kathy Briggs; Robert Van Alstine; Jewel Warfield; Ed Warfield; Marilyn Smith; Carol Wilson; Lillian’s brother; Tom’s mother; Clayton Peck; Jerry Coats, Jeannie Haskell

**READING OF SCRIPTURE:**

AM: Isa. 5:20,21                      PM: Phil. 3:13,14

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

January 19 – Potluck, Packages, Business meeting  
January 26 – Singing at 5 p.m.  
April 20 – Chuck Northrop to speak  
Seminars for 2014 – March 28, June 27, Sept. 26, Dec. 26  
July 28 – Aug. 2 – Ingham County Fair booth



**GOD IS NOT PERFECT???**

Charles Coats

On my way home the other day, I was listening to the radio in my car and they were talking about an event to remember the holocaust. The reporter was talking to a Jewish person concerning this and asked if he believed in God. The man responded that he did. The reporter then asked him how God could allow the holocaust to happen. The person’s response began with “God is not perfect”.

Immediately, I saw two problems in the discussion. One is the reporter who wanted to blame the holocaust on God, that God did not stop this evil from happening. The second problem is to think that God is not perfect, and implying that God is unable to stop such evils or that God is weak just like we are as

humans.

When I think about the first problem, it illustrated to me how much people really do not understand why sin exists. For some reason, they seem to want to blame God or deny his existence. They fail to understand that we have been created as creatures able to make choices. In the Garden of Eden, when God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree, he gave them a choice. They could either choose to obey God or to disobey God. Joshua told Israel to choose whom they would serve (Josh. 24:15). Sin entered the world because man made the wrong choice and sin remains in the world because man continues to make the wrong choices (Rom. 5:12). Evils such as the holocaust happen because there are evil men in this world who choose to not serve God.

The second part of the problem is very critical. How could anyone dare to say “God is not perfect”? Jesus said there is none good but God (Matt. 19:17). God cannot lie (Heb. 6:18) and he cannot deny himself (2 Tim. 2:13). God cannot do evil (Jas. 1:13). Everything about God is perfect.

Then, why does God allow evil to exist in the world? Why does he not put a stop to the evil? Since we have been created to choose, we must be allowed to choose. Trials, tribulation, and temptations build strength in us and increase our faith (Jas. 1:2,3). God does not desire that we sin and has given us everything we need to make the right choices – we have his word to guide us. If we choose to obey God, we will be rewarded eternally (Rev. 22:14).

God has the power to stop evil and will one day. When he does, there will be no more world upon which to live (2 Pet. 3:9ff). At this time, judgment will be levied on all mankind (Matt. 25:31-46) and every person will either be lost eternally or saved eternally – Hell or Heaven will be ours.

Because we make choices, we need to prepare ourselves for an eternity with God (2 Pet. 3:11,14). By doing this, we will also make the world a better place for everyone (Eph. 4:31,32).